

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-8. (Canceled)

9. (Previously Presented) A lubricating apparatus for a horizontally disposed dry sump engine comprising:

an oil tank mounted on an end of said engine, so as to reduce a vertical height of said engine; and

a relief valve provided in said oil tank

wherein said relief valve further comprises:

a lead pipe, said lead pipe being connectable to an outlet pipe of an oil filter, said lead pipe including a discharge port formed therein;

a cylindrical valve body slidably inserted in said lead pipe;

a stopper for restricting movement of said cylindrical valve body in said lead pipe;

a spring for biasing said cylindrical valve body toward said stopper; and

a spring stop for pressing said spring;

wherein said cylindrical valve body is received within an L-shaped body comprising the lead pipe and when moved against the bias of said spring, said discharge port is opened to allow hydraulic pressure in the outlet of the oil filter to be relieved.

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10. (Canceled)

11. (Previously Presented) A lubricating apparatus for a dry sump engine, according to claim 9, further comprising:

a strainer for straining oil recovered in said oil tank provided in said oil tank.

12-17 (Canceled)